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SUBJ: OPERATION AIRSTREAM - MENDOZA, ARGENTINA

REF: A. STATE 136077; B. STATE 136421

1. AS IMPLICIT IN REFTELS, INFORMATION DERIVED FROM OPERATION AIRSTREAM IS OF LITTLE OR NO TECHNICAL INTEREST TO ARGENTINE AIR FORCE. GOA INTEREST IN THIS INFORMATION RESIDES IN ARGENTINE ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION (CNEA) WHICH, IN TURN, LACKS AUTHORITY FOR DISPOSITION OF ARGENTINE AIR FORCE FACILITIES. AEC REP HAS DISCUSSED CNEA'S CONTINUED TECHNICAL INTEREST IN OPERATION AIRSTREAM RESULTS WITH BENINSON, DIRECTOR OF CNEA ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAM. BENINSON HAS CONFIRMED THAT INFORMATION IS OF CONSIDERABLE INTEREST TO HIS PROGRAM AND HAS OFFERED TO PREPARE LETTER TO THIS EFFECT IF NECESSARY. DAO AND AEC REP WILL TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THIS OFFER IF PROGRESS OF DISCUSSIONS WITH ARGENTINE AIR FORCE APPEAR TO CREATE NEED FOR SUCH ENDORSEMENT AND IF, INDEED, BENINSON CAN DELIVER ON OFFER.

2. FYI: BENINSON IS AMONG CNEA OFFICIALS WHOSE CONTINUED EMPLOYMENT STILL IN DOUBT. AMONG OTHER THINGS, BENINSON HAS BEEN ACCUSED BY ELEMENTS IN CNEA OF PASSING INFORMATION TO CIA - AN OBVIOUS, ALTHOUGH DISTORTED, REFERENCE TO HIS AEC CONTRACT UNDER WHICH HE FURNISHED UNCLASSIFIED ARGENTINE RADIATION BACKGROUND INFORMATION TO USAEC. END FYI.

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